

**SKILLSUSA MICHIGAN  
CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION STATE  
CONTEST 2024 TASK AND MATERIAL LIST**

**CONTEST LOCATION:**

Amway Grand Plaza Hotel  
187 Monroe Avenue NW  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503, US  
(616) 774.2000  
<http://www.amwaygrand.com/>

**RESUME:**

Each student must submit a one-page printed resume before the contest start at the contest site (present to contest coordinator, not judges). The resume is no longer submitted online. This is the only time that resumes can be turned in. Failure to do so will result in a 10 point penalty.

**Purpose:**

To evaluate a team of contestant's ability to conduct a crime scene investigation.

**Clothing Requirements Class A or D is accepted (All team members must have the same attire):**

**Class A:**

- Plain white button down, collared shirt. Buttoned to collar
- Plain black pants (no stripes)
- Black belt
- Black shoes or boots, no more than ½” heel
- Black socks (if showing)
- Black tie (may be clip-on), worn properly
- Nothing on clothing or anywhere identifying students’ school name or affiliation.
- Likewise, name tags and any other indicators are prohibited. Contestants will be given a number which will identify them during the competition. This number should be written on all report’s when handed into judges.

**Class D:**

- Light blue button down collared shirt.
- Navy pants.
- Black belt
- Black shoes or boots, no more than ½” heel
- Black socks (if showing)
- Nothing on clothing or anywhere identifying students’ school name or affiliation.
- Likewise, name tags and any other indicators are prohibited. Contestants will be given a number which will identify them during the competition. This number should be written on all report when handed into judges.

## **Eligibility:**

Open to a team of three active SkillsUSA members enrolled in programs with law enforcement as the occupational objective. All team members must be from the same SkillsUSA - chapter and not entered in the Criminal Justice Skills Contest. A Team of 3 must compete and teams with less than 3 will be penalized 10% of the total score. A substitute CSI team member is allowed to be registered, but only three (3) of the CSI team members may come to the competition on the 9<sup>th</sup> of April.

## **Equipment and Materials:**

Contestants must provide a crime scene kit containing materials necessary to conduct crime scene investigation, ex. fingerprint cards, brushes, powder, crime scene tape, proper forms, packaging material, etc. Contestants must also have the following equipment:

- a. Small pocket notebook for field notes
- b. Pens and pencils
- c. Flashlight
- d. Digital camera
  - a. If a team does not have a digital camera, a cell phone camera may be used. Quality of photos will not be judged however, the team should include an SD card (real or fake) in the evidence.
- e. 1 page resume per student (failure to do so will decrease overall score by 10 points)
- f. Contestants are encouraged to bring food and beverage with them to the contest as no one will be allowed to leave once we begin. Students may also wish to bring books, magazines, etc. ***NO MATERIALS RELATING TO THE CONTEST.***

## **Book Used:**

Criminal Investigation, by Wayne W. Bennett and Karen H. Hess

## **Scope of the Contest**

1. Contestants will demonstrate their ability to conduct a crime scene investigation demonstrating the following competencies:
  - a. Explain and demonstrate knowledge and use of constitutional law governing search and seizure
  - b. Demonstrate communication skills
  - c. Demonstrate interpersonal skills
  - d. Demonstrate the ability to work together as a team to conduct a systematic crime scene investigation
  - e. Explain and complete crime scene photography
  - f. Properly search for, handle and collect physical evidence
  - g. Explain and complete crime scene sketch
  - h. Obtain clear fingerprints from crime scene

## **Pre-Contest Information:**

1. All state qualifiers will be contacted by March 15 by the CSI chair with final details.
2. Prior to the competition, contestants will be briefed on the upcoming events. This will allow contestants to ask questions. Contestants will not be allowed any communication with advisors, chaperons, or fellow contestants during the competition.

3. Contestants will draw a number and will be identified by that number only.
4. Contestants will have 30 minutes to process the scene and 30 minutes to write their report.
  - Upon entry to the crime scene, the team will conduct a search for, and flag, pieces of evidence. The team will announce that they are done flagging. Judges will then remove flags of non-intended evidence. The team will then continue to process the scene. Any newly discovered evidence can still be flagged, but judges will not intervene if not part of the planned scene.
  - A team's photographs of the crime scene will be reviewed by judges to compare to a team's photo log worksheet. These photos can be viewed on a digital camera or on a cell phone.
  - There will be anywhere from 6 - 12 pieces of evidence.
5. Contestant must work together as a team without assistance from instructors, other contestants, or observers. Contestant will be disqualified if in violation.
6. Contestants will be given 30 minutes to take a written test over the Criminal Investigations book. This test Score divided by three (3) team members will be used in case of a tie.

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**2024 SkillsUSA Criminal Justice Team  
Competition Crime Scene Investigation  
Evaluator's Score Sheet**

**Team #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Score** \_\_\_\_\_

**Skill Activity**

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. ACTIVITIES PRIOR TO CRIME SCENE SEARCH   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Contestant obtains information from responding officer</li> <li>B. Scene security is established and maintained</li> <li>C. Consent to search or search warrant is obtained</li> <li>D. Contestant checks for vital signs</li> <li>E. Proper notification is made ie. Medical Examiner is requested</li> </ul>  |   |   |   |   |   |
| 2. PHOTOGRAPHING OF CRIME SCENE PART I  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Exterior photographs are taken from all angles</li> <li>B. Interior photographs are taken from all angles</li> <li>C. Items of evidence are not disturbed</li> <li>D. Film log is established</li> <li>E. Justice of the Peace or Medical Examiner is escorted to body</li> </ul>   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 3. SEARCH AND FLAGGING OF EVIDENCE  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Contestant puts on gloves</li> <li>B. Contestant used numbered cones</li> <li>C. Contestant explains his/her search approach</li> <li>D. Systematic approach is followed</li> <li>E. Evidence is not moved or disturbed during flagging</li> </ul>  |   |   |   |   |   |
| 4. PHOTOGRAPHING CRIME SCENE PART II  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Evidence is photographed before collecting</li> <li>B. Close-up photographs of all evidence are taken</li> <li>C. Contestant used a scale in all close-up photographs</li> <li>D. Medium range photographs showing the spatial relationship between two or more items of evidence are taken</li> <li>E. Film is marked for future identification</li> </ul> |   |   |   |   |   |
| 5. CRIME SCENE SKETCH   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Contestant measures perimeter and places furniture in scene</li> <li>B. Contestant uses two fixed reference points when measuring evidence</li> <li>C. Contestant indicates magnetic north</li> <li>D. Contestant indicates all evidence found</li> <li>E. Legend is made and sketch is labeled with case information</li> </ul>                            |   |   |   |   |   |

6. LIFTING OF A LATENT FINGERPRINT 1 2 3 4 5
- A. Contestant explains the process for dusting latent fingerprints in the crime scene
  - B. Contestant properly develops latent fingerprints on a pre-selected piece of evidence
  - C. Print was properly lifted with lifting tape
  - D. Print was properly placed on white card
  - E. Contestant properly marked card with case information

7. COLLECTION OF EVIDENCE

- A. Contestant used gloves or tweezers when collecting evidence
- B. Contestant changed gloves when collecting DNA evidence
- C. Contestant placed evidence in the proper bag
- D. Contestant marked bag properly (case#, case information, and cone #)
- E. Evidence was properly added to the evidence invoice

Item # 1	1	2	3	4	5
Item # 2	1	2	3	4	5
Item # 3	1	2	3	4	5
Item # 4	1	2	3	4	5
Item # 5	1	2	3	4	5
Item # 6	1	2	3	4	5
Item # 7	1	2	3	4	5
Item # 8	1	2	3	4	5
Item # 9	1	2	3	4	5

8. RELEASE OF THE CRIME SCENE 1 2 3 4 5
- A. Contestant made inventory of all items removed from the crime scene
  - B. Contestant left a copy of inventory with the building owner
  - C. Body was properly released
  - D. All equipment and supplies were removed from the crime scene
  - E. Scene was verbally released

9. EVALUATION OF TEAM'S PROFESSIONALISM 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
- A. Professional bearing and demeanor
  - B. Appearance
  - C. Contestant's proper use of equipment
  - D. Contestant's projection of authority

10. EVALUATION OF TEAM'S ORGANIZATION 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
- A. Assigned one member to be in charge
  - B. Briefing conducted describing goals of the team
  - C. Team members given specific assignments
  - D. Assignments equal to aptitude of team member

**TOTAL SCORE** \_\_\_\_\_

# 2023 SCORECARD Crime Scene Investigation

Contestant Team Number \_\_\_\_\_

Items Evaluated	Possible Points								
<b>Activities Prior to Search</b>	50								
<b>Photographing of Scene I</b>	50								
<b>Flagging of Evidence</b>	50								
<b>Photographing of Scene II</b>	50								
<b>Crime Scene Sketch</b>	50								
<b>Lifting of Fingerprint</b>	50								
<b>Collection of Evidence</b>	360								
<b>Release of Scene</b>	50								
<b>Professionalism</b>	100								
<b>Organization</b>	100								
<b>Report writing</b>	90								
<b>Résumé Penalty</b>	0 or -10 only								
<b>Clothing Penalty</b>	0 to -50								
<i>Team Penalty (if competing with less than the required number of team members)</i>	-100								
<b>Total Possible Points</b>	1000								

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Judges' Signatures:**

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